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## REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed February 6, 2004 (copy enclosed), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) from the Initial Patent Examination Division's holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

The Notice of Abandonment indicates that the application has been held abandoned for alleged failure to reply to the notice to file missing parts mailed March 6, 2002--i.e., the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures dated March 6, 2002. On March 25, 2002/however, Applicant filed a Response to Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, as evidenced by: (i) the enclosed copy of the four-page Response dated March 25, 2002, which includes a certificate of facsimile transmission and a copy of the formalities letter; (ii) a job status report dated March 25, 2002, confirming transmission of four pages; and (iii) an auto-reply facsimile transmission from the USPTO showing receipt of four pages on March 25, 2002.

As shown by the accompanying documentary evidence, Applicant timely submitted a complete response to the notice of March 6, 2002. Consequently, the holding of abandonment is in error and should be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 23, 2004

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### NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.53 (f) OR (g)

The above-identified application is abandoned for failure to timely or properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on 03/06/2002.

No reply was received.

A petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.137 may be filed requesting that the application be revived.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(a), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNAVOIDABLE DELAY** must be filed promptly after the applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) an adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(I); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNINTENTIONAL DELAY** must be filed promptly after applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the entire delay was unintentional; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

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